

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: A61M 16/06, A62B 7/00, A62B 9/02

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI + keywords: (A61M 16/-, A62 B/-, mask, valve, prevent, backflow, elbow connect+, ambient, atmospher+, "L") and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5438981 A (STARR et al) 8 August 1995 Whole document	58-61, 65-67
X	EP 1027905 A2 (RESMED LTD) 16 August 2000 Whole document	58-61
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